



# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## Education Services Newsletter

Summer 2013

*Congratulations  
to the  
Class of 2013*



### 2+0+1=3 THE ONLY CLASS THAT ADDS UP!

High school graduation is always a special event for both the graduates and their families. But at five graduation ceremonies in Nevada, special circumstances added to the significance of graduation day. That's because the ceremonies took place inside Nevada State prisons and correctional centers including: High Desert State Prison (HDSP), Southern Desert Correctional Center (SDCC), Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center (FMWCC), Lovelock Correctional Center (LCC), Warm Springs Correctional Center (WSCC) and Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC). Despite their settings, the graduation ceremonies were much like any other taking place in high schools across the state. With pomp and circumstance, the Nevada Department of Correction's (NDOC's) graduating class of 2013 received their diplomas. More than 650 Nevada inmates graduated from high school and earned GEDs.



FMWCC GRADUATES LINE UP FOR THE PROCESSIONAL.

Inmates dressed in red and blue high school gowns and mortar boards, marched to the podium to their families' cheers and shouts of encouragement. Speeches and applause echoed throughout the ceremonies. In Southern Nevada, Clark County School District's (CCSD) School Board Trustee, Patrice Tew, delivered heart felt keynote speeches applauding the graduates for their discipline, courage and commitment. Trustee Tew recognized each visitor and the graduate they supported, children stood on chairs, while parents and spouses stood up in pride. In essence, she reminded the graduates that what they have accomplished today is going to impact their families forever.

With their diplomas, a door has opened for them to give back to the communities to which they will return. And they will get released. Ninety-six percent of men and women in NDOC facilities across the state will eventually leave.



CCSD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE, PATRICE TEW, DELIVERS KEY NOTE ADDRESSES DURING NDOC'S SOUTHERN GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

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**BE A STUDENT SO LONG AS YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO LEARN, AND THIS WILL MEAN ALL YOUR LIFE. -HENRY L. DOHERTY**

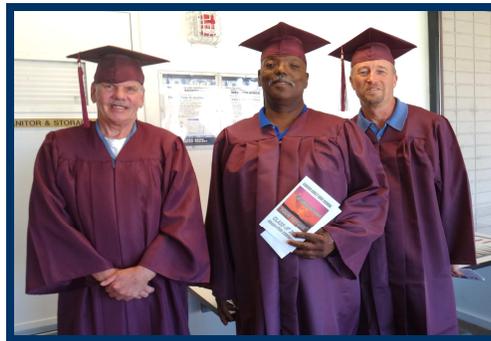
CCSD Principals Robert Tarter, Margaret Froby and Reid Kimoto facilitated the ceremonies at HDSP, SDCC and FMWCC. NDOC Director, James G. Cox, CCSD Assistant Superintendent, Bradley Waldron, and NDOC Wardens', Dwight Neven, Brian Williams and Carolyn Miles, welcomed the families and friends, commended the graduates for doing something positive and constructive with their time and encouraged the students to keep on learning.

In Northern Nevada, Carson City Adult Education Director, Ferd Mariani initiated the ceremonies at NNCC and WSCC, welcoming family and friends and reiterating to the graduates the importance of pursuing additional goals and lifelong learning. Lead teachers Bruce Barnes and Gregg White



NDOC DIRECTOR, JAMES G. COX, CCSD ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BRADLEY WALDRON, CCSD DIRECTOR, DANNY EICHELBERGER AND HDSP WARDEN, DWIGHT NEVEN LISTEN TO TRUSTEE TEW'S KEYNOTE SPEECH.

facilitated the ceremonies. Fellow class representatives, chosen by the graduates, delivered reflective and insightful keynote speeches. Carson City School District Superintendent, Richard Stokes, NDOC Deputy Director, E.K. McDaniel and NDOC Wardens', Greg Smith and Isidro Baca congratulated each graduate as they were called to the podium.



GRADUATES FROM NNCC'S TRUE GRIT PROGRAM.

NDOC's final 2013 graduation ceremony took place August 14<sup>th</sup> at LCC. Coal Canyon Principal, David Pollard facilitated the ceremony and in his opening remarks he cited individuals nationwide who had achieved their college degrees late into their 90s, reminding the graduates to never stop learning and achieving. "Education is the key to a productive future," stated Principal Pollard. NDOC's Deputy Director E.K. McDaniel delivered the keynote speech. He shared NDOC's pride in what the graduates had accomplished and wished only for their success in the future.



CCSD Teacher, John Stewart, CCSD Superintendent, Richard Stokes, CCSD Director, Ferd Mariani and CCSD teacher, Frank Flannagan.



LCC COLOR GUARD OPENS GRADUATION CEREMONY.



**THE MAN WHO GRADUATES TODAY AND STOPS LEARNING TOMORROW IS UNDEDUCATED THE DAY AFTER. —NEWTON D. BAKER**

**“IF WE LET OURSELVES, WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR SOME DISTRACTION OR OTHER TO END BEFORE WE CAN REALLY GET DOWN TO OUR WORK. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ACHIEVE MUCH ARE THOSE WHO WANT KNOWLEDGE SO BADLY THAT THEY SEEK IT WHILE THE CONDITIONS ARE STILL UNFAVORABLE. FAVORABLE CONDITIONS NEVER COME.” — C.S. LEWIS**

Distinguished guests included Nevada State Senator Don Gustavson and Pershing County School District’s Superintendent Dan Fox who strongly support the state’s commitment to successful and effective correctional education programs.



LCC GRADUATES LISTEN TO NDOC’S DEPUTY DIRECTOR E.K. MCDANIEL KEYNOTE ADDRESS.

Principal David Pollard presented the graduates, GED earners and vocational completers with their diplomas and certificates. Senator Don Gustavson, Superintendent Dan Fox, Deputy Director E.K. McDaniel, LCC Warden Robert LeGrand and Principal David Pollard congratulated each graduate as diplomas and certificates were presented to the graduating class of 2013.



NDOC’S DEPUTY DIRECTOR E.K. MCDANIEL, NDE’S BRAD DEEDS, Senator Don Gustavson, LCC Warden Robert Le Grand, Principal David Pollard, NDOC’s Kim Petersen and NDE’s Jeff Wales share a photo opportunity with Senator Gustavson.

On behalf on NDOC’s Education Services Department, graduating class of 2013, as you move forward in your lives, continue to set goals and make additional commitments to pursue lifelong learning opportunities. Take the knowledge you’ve gained in the past and what you will gain in the future and stand by your commitments.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### BACK TO SCHOOL

Going back to school after release will require hard work and dedication. The process will be both challenging and frustrating. But if you stick with it, continuing your education can bring you tremendous rewards, including:

- **The pride that comes with gaining new skills and knowledge**
- **The satisfaction of being able to support yourself and your family**
- **The opportunity to surround yourself with other people who are expanding their minds, planning for their futures, and working to improve their lives**
- **The capacity to set a positive example for your family and friends and become a leader in your community**

Learning new skills, gaining knowledge, and making contacts can bring new opportunities and help you shape a vision of your future that may have seemed out of reach before.

*Crayton, Anna and Nicole Lindahl. 2007. Back to School: A Guide to Continuing Your Education after Prison. New York, NY: Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.*

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## Benefits of Correctional Education

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has estimated that an inmate who participates in GED programming while in prison is 16% less likely to recidivate than an inmate who does not participate in any educational programming.

Studies find that recidivism rates are inversely related to educational program participation while in prison. The more educational programs successfully completed for each 6 months confined, the lower the recidivism rates.

The correctional education association identified correctional education programs as being among the top adult criminal justice programs with the greatest rate of return on investment. For every \$1 spent on basic adult (GED) correctional education yields a benefit of \$6.

- Fifty-two percent of NDOC inmates lack a GED/HSD.
- Sixty-six percent of eligible inmates were enrolled in education services.
- Enrollments have increased by 14%.
- GED earners have increased by 23%.
- HSDs awarded have increased by 53%.
- Cost per student has decreased by 12%.
- The average recidivism rate of NDOC Education completers is 20.8% compared to the national average of 43%.
- Seventy-nine percent of NDOC's GED earners are successful after release.
- Eighty percent of NDOC's High School Graduates are successful after release.
- For every \$1.00 spent on adult correctional education, it yields a benefit of \$6.71 to the State of Nevada.

